

I have also lately taken alive, attached to a piece of *Eschara foliacea* by a *byssus*, a fine specimen of *Galeomma Turtoni*.

Mr. Coode has also dredged a specimen of *Tritonia* (? *Homborgii*). The following were my rough notes on its appearance:

"*Tritonia* (? *Homborgii*). A specimen 4 inches in length, taken by Mr. Coode and Mr. Stanley in fifteen fathoms water, off Lulworth. Colour marble-brown. Head-veil at times bilobed, at other times entire. The margin of veil not fimbriated, but closely set with tentacular points. Branchiæ in about a dozen tufts on each side of the back. Dorsal tentacles issuing from sheaths having their edges jagged. It appears to me to be intermediate between *T. Homborgii* and *T. plebeia*."

I am, Gentlemen, yours obediently,

WILLIAM THOMPSON.

Description of a second species of the genus Procnias.

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I have seen several examples of *Procnias* in collections from New Grenada, and have never doubted their being different from the Brazilian species. But being aware that a second member of the genus had been described by Dr. Cabanis in the Museum Heineanum under the appellation *Procnias Heinei*, I applied that name to these birds without much inquiry. Having lately, however, had the opportunity of examining the beautiful collection which contains the type of Dr. Cabanis' description, I find that I was in error in so doing. The specimen there designated *Procnias Heinei* is a female or young male of *Calliste atricapilla*, Lafr., and belongs therefore, according to my ideas, to a different family of birds.

I therefore propose the name *Procnias occidentalis* for this new species, which may be distinguished from the older one by its smaller size, the less amount of black on the throat, and by the white belly not extending nearly so high towards the breast.

PROCNIAS OCCIDENTALIS, Sclater. *P. læte viridis: fronte anguste et lateribus capitis cum mento gulaque nigris: ventre medio crissoque albis: lateribus nigro radiatis: alis caudaque intus nigricantibus.*

Long. tota 5·0; alæ 3·3; caudæ 2·9 poll. Angl.

Hab. in Nova Grenada.—*Proc. Zool. Soc.* Nov. 14, 1854.

Descriptions of some New Species of Birds.

By the Viscount DU BUS DE GISIGNIES.

1. *Lanius auritus*. *Mas.* *L. nigerrimus*, subtus nigro-fuliginosus; supercilio tenuissimo albo, pone oculos in penicillum auricularem rubro-igneum prolongato; humeris et tergo flavissimis; tectricibus alarum inferioribus, fasciculoque plumarum elongatarum axillari candidis. Rostro et pedibus nigris.